



Commonwealth of Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet

Steven L. Beshear, Governor

Leonard K. Peters, Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Mark A. Meade
502-564-2141

Kentucky Division of Abandoned Mine Lands Announces Knott County Waterline Project *Residents along Kentucky Route 582 will soon receive access to potable water supply*

Frankfort, Ky. (Aug. 10, 2012) – Access to potable water will soon be available to 180 households in Knott County. The Department for Natural Resources' (DNR) Division of Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) announced today the award of the contract and the start of construction for Kentucky Highway 582 AML water supply project in Knott County.

"Getting a clean safe drinking water supply to eligible Kentucky residents has been, and will continue to be a high priority with our department through the AML program," said DNR Commissioner Steve Hohmann.

AML has found that agency-eligible pre-1982 mining has impacted much of the groundwater along Route 582, making these areas eligible for AML waterline assistance.

The project, with a memorandum of agreement between the Knott Water and Sewer District and AML, totals \$3 million. The project will be operated by the Knott Water and Sewer District. G & W Construction of Morehead was awarded the contract with a low bid amount of \$2,609,507. R. M. Johnson Engineering of Lexington and Hindman will provide engineering services. The entire project will involve the installation of approximately 12.2 miles of water main in various sizes from 12 inches to ¾ inch, two booster pump stations, valves, and the installation of water meters at 180 residences.

AML is authorized under Kentucky law (KRS.350) to abate hazards to public health, safety, and the environment from abandoned mine lands. To date, AML has expended more than \$99.2 million for waterline improvements and has provided more than 13,723 households with potable water supply in 24 coalfield counties in eastern, southern and western Kentucky.

###